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BUSINESS NOTICES

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 5/16.
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REPARATIONS SOLUTION?

SENSIBLE AMERICAN SUGGESTION

NON-PARTISAN INQUIRY BOARD.

WASHINGTON, January 5.
Official circles consider the dissolution of the Paris conference brings the reparations crisis momentarily nearer the point on which Mr. Hughes touched in his speech at Newhaven, namely the selection of a competent non-partisan board to thresh out the matter, but there is no indication that further initiative can be expected at present.

LONDON, January 5.

A message from Washington states that the only authorized comment on the situation is the statement by the State Department that Mr. Hughes' suggestion was intended "to leave several doors open" to the premises in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Hughes has already indicated that American financiers would serve on an international financial board to study the German situation if France and the other interested powers would invite the United States.

It is believed here that there is still time to examine the American suggestion before France can carry out her programme. It is noted that Mr. Poincaré's plan avoids the employment of force against Germany against which Mr. Hughes inveighed on the ground that it might tend to destroy the basis of reparations payments. There is little doubt that Mr. Hughes thereby expressed the American Government's view.

"FRIENDLY RUPTURE."

PARIS, January 5.

Neither surprise nor emotion is expressed by the French newspapers at the failure of the conference which they unanimously oppose will in no wise affect Anglo-French friendly relations. Indeed, most of the papers refer to the event as a "friendly rupture."

The *Guillot* says:—"Our position to England has the advantage of being clearer than ever."

The *Homme Libre* does not despair yet of winning England to the French viewpoint, refusing to allow Germany to remain in a position to mock the people she has ruined.

The *Echo de Paris* says that Britain, not France, is isolated.

Le Journal says the hour of France's freedom of action has struck. She will no longer continue to accept the naval obligations of the Washington agreements or follow in England's wake at Lusanne.

The *Matin* believes our Belgian and Italian Allies will help us to repel the claims of British financiers and direct European policy. This paper hints at friendlier pro-Turkish action by France at Lusanne which would prove to Mr. Bonar Law the existence of a French policy in the Near East.

LAST TRUMP CARD.

BERLIN, January 5.

The Press is not surprised at the breakdown of the Paris conference. The papers declare the imposition of sanctions without the consent of the Reparations Commission or by a single power would be contrary to the spirit of the peace treaty, and from the viewpoint of international law would be a hostile action. They allege that France's annexationist policy caused the failure of the conference.

The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* declares that Germany possesses the last trump card. Her offer is final. If it fails the reins of government will pass into the hands of those whose aims nobody is able to control. Paris must not think that *Furor Teutonicus* belongs entirely to the past or needs guns and bayonets to reappear. Any great nation driven to despair has always found the means of revenge.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

NEW YORK, January 5.

Commenting on the collapse of the Paris conference, the *World* says a terrible responsibility rests with the Government. It is committed to measures which in the opinion of practically the whole neutral world, are dangerous, provocative and self-defeating.

The *Herald* urges America to demand that futile bickering be replaced by arbitration.

The *Times* suggests the American Government urge the application of Mr. Hughes' plan.

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to ascertain the view of the Administration before considering Senator Robinson's resolution, cabled earlier.

Senator Lodge has been commissioned to call on Mr. Hughes to obtain all available information from the State Department with regard to the reparations negotiations.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

State Department officials deny the report that the United States at the request of Britain, was going to call an international congress to consider reparations.

STOCK EXCHANGE EFFORTS.

LONDON, January 5.

The Stock Exchange opened dully on the breakdown of the Paris conference. Quotations were cautiously marked down but there was no selling pressure in any direction. There is now a tendency to harden.

The exchange market was very unsettled. French francs were quoted 67.10 and 67.15. German marks were 41.00 and 41.05. New York 4/64.

BONAR LAW HOME.

LONDON, January 5.

Mr. Bonar Law, very tired-looking, refused to speak on his arrival at Victoria where he was greeted by a large crowd necessitating efforts by the police to clear the way.

REPARATIONS SOLUTION?

PARIS, January 5.

M. Thénoud, who lengthily interviewed M. Poincaré, leaves for home to-morrow. M. Poincaré previously conversed with the Marquis de Sallatorre, who is believed to be "dedicated" Italy will certainly stand by France.

LAUSANNE, January 5.

General Weygand has been summoned to Paris.

A BLACK AND WHITE CASE.

TOWN IN FLORIDA DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, January 6.

The town of Rosewood, in Florida, has been destroyed as the result of a clash between Negroes and Whites, following an alleged attack on a White woman by Negroes. The Whites poured into Rosewood from the neighbouring cities and attacked the Negroes, who barricaded themselves in their huts.

Two Whites and two Negroes were killed. There were many casualties on both sides.

TURKEY'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

BRITISH COMPANY FORMED.

LONDON, January 5.

A corporation for the economic development of Turkey has been registered with a nominal capital of £250,000 to be increased to £1,000,000 or more as necessary. The shares will not be offered to the public. The principal subscriber is Mr. Leslie Urquhart. It is understood that the Russo Asiatic Consolidated Co. Ltd., will be the chief shareholders with Mr. Urquhart as Chairman. The majority of the Board will be British. The other British directors are well known in City bank circles.

The objects include mining, the production of metals, oil, chemicals, building and operation of railways, canals and docks, and generally acting as government contractors and financial agents for Turkey in this matter.

TURKEY'S DEPOSED SULTAN.

MALTA, January 5.

The former Sultan of Turkey has left for Mecca on board the British warship "Ajax."

MOSCOW'S STOCK EXCHANGE.

MOSCOW, January 4.

A Stock Exchange will open here on January 10.

HEAVY TEST MATCH SCORING.

NEW ZEALAND'S BIG LEAD.

CHRISTCHURCH, January 5.

The second test match was played before 3,000 spectators. The weather was perfect. New Zealand made 315 for 7. Collins scored 102 and Shepherd 66.

PRINCE OF WALES.

ENGAGEMENT DENIED.

LONDON, January 5.

It is officially stated that the *Daily News* report of the Prince of Wales' engagement is unfounded.

OPIMUM COMMISSION MEETING.

LONDON, January 5.

The Chinese Legation states that Mr. Chao Hsin-chi will attend the Opium Commission's meeting at Geneva on January 6.

AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS.

LABOUR STILL LEADS.

MELBOURNE, January 5.

The final state of the parties in the House of Representatives election is as follows:

Labour.....29.
Nationalists.....27.
Country and Liberal.....19.
Mr. Hughes will consult the Nationalist Party with regard to his course.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

PROPOSED STEAMER SERVICE.

LONDON, January 5.

The Russian trade delegation in London announces that the British White Star Line has proposed to the Soviet Government that it should establish services between Britain and Russia.

POLITICAL HATRED.

PRAGUE SHOOTING.

PRAGUE, January 5.

A young insurance clerk named Soucek twice fired with a revolver at M. Reek, Minister of Finance, who was seriously wounded and taken to hospital. The assailant is said to have been motivated by political hatred.

BUSINESS NOTICES

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, January 1, 1923.

INTIMATIONS.

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THERE are vacancies in the orchestra for: Flute, 2 Clarinets, 1 Bassoon, 2 Horns, 1 Trombone and Timpani. The conductor (Mr. T. P. M. Devan) will be glad if those who are willing to assist will attend the practice at the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.15 p.m. on MONDAY 8th January, 1923.

E. LULLOCK, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, January 5, 1923.

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By Order, D. K. BLAIR, Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1923.

Feb. 28th Mar. 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close on Saturday 27th inst. at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Jockey Club Room 3a Chater Road on or before this date.

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Dated this 30th day of December 1922.

By Order of the Board, WALTER J. HAWKER, Secretary.

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. JOHN FLEMING, Chartered Accountant, to sign our name as a Partner in our firm in Hongkong as from this date.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS. Hongkong, December 30, 1922.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES BRENDON THOMSON has retired from our firm and that his interest in and responsibility for the business ceased as from the 31st day of December 1922.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that we have as from the 1st day of January 1923, admitted Captain GEORGE DUNCAN ARTHUR a Partner in our firm.

CARMICHAEL & CLARK, Hongkong. Hongkong, January 1, 1923.

NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY admitted FRANCIS CAIRD HOGG as a Partner in our firm.

TAIT & CO., Amoy and Formosa. Hongkong, January 1, 1923.

NOTICE.

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Witness began to think his wife was becoming too friendly with Cartwright and, spoke to her about it, but she replied that "there was nothing in it."

On a later occasion the co-respondent accompanied one of his children to tea at petitioner's house, and during the evening the two men went out for a walk. Witness took the opportunity of speaking to Cartwright about his attentions to the respondent, but the co-respondent's reply was so satisfactory that petitioner invited him back to supper.

After supper petitioner had to leave the house a few minutes, and on his way back he saw Cartwright kissing and caressing his wife in the kitchen. When he told them what he had seen the co-respondent said he loved the respondent and was going to take her away. Petitioner told his wife she was making a mistake.

Upstairs he had nearly £50 in a box, of which his wife had the key, and when she began to ascend the stairs he went to follow her, but Cartwright "pulled my legs from under me." Petitioner then seized the co-respondent, but his wife threatened to throw herself into an adjacent quarry if they fought.

Later, added petitioner, respondent went away with a large proportion of the £50. Petitioner was even custody of the children.

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BIRTH.

McKINSTRY.—On December 31, 1921, at Shanghai to Dr. and Mrs. McKinstry, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STEWART-JOHNS.—On December 30, 1922, at Shanghai, by the Very Reverend Dean Symons, Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stewart of Haverthorpe, Leeds, to Mabel Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. R. Johns of Payton, Devon, and late of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

LOPES.—Leopoldo Luiz Lopes at his residence No. 4, Ashley Terrace, Kowloon, aged 78 years. Funeral will pass the Monument to General (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (Shanghai and Macao papers please copy).

WILKINSON.—On December 27, 1922, at Monaghan, Co. Louth, Thomas Gifford Wilkinson, M.A., lately Minor Canon, Downpatrick Cathedral, younger son of Sir Hiram Wilkinson.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1923.

Priceless—simply priceless, this little story about a unique Hongkong raffle. Having had tea—charity without tea, you know it is a story without end, racing without betting or soda without whisky—having had tea, the good ladies who had organized this unique little raffle, conducted the drawing. The prize ticket was scanned amid great excitement, which, however, speedily changed into disappointment when it was found the winner was a wealthy Chinese. Then happy thought!—what would a wealthy Chinese want with the prize? (Certainly nothing, himself.) What

People signalise the new year's advent in many ways. Observing their celebrations, you would think they'd never afterwards forget the new year was here. Yet so it does—every time they sign a cheque. For weeks—months—now, the banks will be getting cheques dated 1922. You, of course, are never guilty. What!—never? Well, hardly ever.

Scene: local club bar. "Well! old man, found a house yet?" "Hardly." "Then with heavy humour, 'But anyway, I think I'll live in a matchbox.' 'What! Really?' 'Third voice: 'What's that? Someone going to live in a matchbox?' 'Yes, Jiggs here.' General buzz 'Jiggs... matchbox... fact... housing shortage, you know... well, well... Time passes. Jiggs returns home. Telephone. 'What's this, Jiggs about you living in a matchbox?' After the seventh inquiry, Jiggs jabs his hat over his eyes and goes for a walk, carefully avoiding his acquaintances. To distract his mind he buys a paper. Opening it he is petrified to find the headings 'Local Sensation, Startling City Rumour. Mr. Jiggs Reported—' Disgusted and furious he returns home. The boy hands him a letter. He opens it abstractedly, scarcely noticing the official heading. 'Sir, Regarding your intention... matchbox, beg draw your attention to regulation... not exceeding \$250 or six months'... And then the neighbourly neighbour dropped across. 'What's this I hear, Jiggs about—' He passed the monument at five.

Herbert Trench, the Irish poet who visited Hongkong during his extensive Eastern travels, has this 'Chinese Drink Song' in the latest *New Statesman*—

The old Bards leapt into the fiery Mountain
And your wizard Herb-seller was caught away—
The old Seers drank at the Immortal Fountain
And took their flight. But where are such to-day?

Life like a violent flash of lightning blinds us
And before our eyes recover is gone past.
The Earth and Sky grow giddy
Win or fade us.

Our childlike faces wrinkled—far too fast.
Come, friend, whose shaky fist is on the wine here,
Why hesitate to drink? For whom do you wait?

What dancing girls do you expect to dine here?
Or halt their chariot-wheels before our gate?

Dazed and bewildered,
A Chinese yodel found himself in Hongkong's streets for the first time. A motor car dashed along the Praya and disappeared in a cloud of dust. 'Hi yeh!' said he, 'the coolies must have been making terrific speed when that track broke loose.'

This I found the first entry in quotation mark calendar for the new year. You can guess the author.

'This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognised by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn-out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.'

Fiction readers are now familiar with those little dots which conclude a sentence. H. G. Wells I think, set the fashion, and the practice has since become very common. A *Times* reviewer now voices his scorn, deriding the scribe who adopts 'one of the tiresome literary fashions of the day. 'Here is a typical example. 'And here it was that Rodin studied and later taught. ... This mystic dot! What do they mean? Incidentally, I note that Wells, in his latest diatribe against 'Short History of the World' (an appetiser to be taken before reading the more solid 'Outline) shows himself very fond of the word 'some when.' This will doubtless become another literary fashion—'some when' soon.

According to the newspapers, a man in England aged seven years ago he would allow his hair to grow unchecked until the hair was thrown out of power. This is an old form of vogue common enough among volantes. They began by pulling their locks at the shrine and let them as a soul token in charge of the god, and never pulled them a fresh until the vow was fulfilled. A more urgent form of vow is mentioned in the *Age*, over forty Jews, enemies of Paul, binding themselves under curse neither to eat nor to drink until they

had slain him. (Paul obviously had only to keep out of their way and the problem was solved.) The modern young men who resolve the 'morning after' to eschew the flowing bowl for six months (more or less) are merely imitating the Christian Fathers who often forewore both wine and flesh, though doubtless for different reasons. Perhaps one of the strangest vows ever made was Catherine de Medici's resolve that should certain enterprises she had undertaken terminate successfully she would send a foot pilgrim to Jerusalem who would take one step backward with every three he took forward. Tois mission was undertaken by a citizen who scrupulously observed the terms. The unselfish queen included him in her next honour list, an award which would have passed the sternest honour committee. Incidentally, I am authorized to relate the rumour that our constitutional reform enthusiasts intend to imitate the ancient Chatti who sometimes allowed their hair to grow and vowed to court danger in that guise until they had slain an enemy, though there are some grounds for the belief that our dauntless reformers intend to allow their beards to grow unchecked if the Commons petition is not heeded within the next fifteen years.

Tales about the terrible small boy are legion but few reveal the charming simplicity and directness of his soul more than the following found in a Sydney paper—

Small boy: 'A punda steak—tough!'

Butcher: 'Wot's the idea?'

Small boy: 'I wanted a rabbit.'

This description of an American business man is given by a well known journalist—

'He arrives at his office at 9.30 and for half-an-hour works furiously, tearing open letters as fast as he can.

'Then he dictates some half-dozen incomprehensible letters to his stenographer, which she has to make the best of.

'This exhausts him, so he settles down to read the newspapers for an hour. His secretary tells callers that he is in an important conference. If he has a conference at all it is with a book-keeper arranging for supplies of drink.

'Then will come a great burst of telephone calls, arranging, of course, that his secretary should get the numbers for him.

'Most of these calls are about such things as golf engagements for the week-end, but he likes telephoning, and the New York business men put in as many of these calls in a morning as the whole Continent of Europe.

'Then he will spend twenty minutes or so altering the letters which his stenographer has typed.

Now what we want is an equally candid description of the Hongkong business man—beg pardon!—the Hongkong taipain—truthful but not too libellous.

In his new book, 'Yesterday and Today,' Mr. Ralph Nevill tells some capital stories. One of them concerns the late Baron James de Rothschild: 'Miles—at this time celebrated and afterwards notorious—came to see him to obtain his support in a business matter. The Baron, however, did not fancy it, and said so rather abruptly.

'Anyhow,' said Miles, 'I hope you won't let me go.' 'My dear sir,' was the reply, 'my religion forbids me.' In discussing foreign financiers resident in England, Mr. Nevill observes: 'The second generation, which often shows little trace of any foreign origin, is apt to consider itself superior to the founder of the family. An instance of this was the host who, when giving a great party, upon being asked, 'Is your father here?' replied: 'Well, no; hang it all, you know one must draw the line somewhere.' 'Lord Derby said that Gladstone's jokes were no laughing matter.' On one occasion, when being entertained by the head of a great condiment-making firm, he did, however, sum up the situation very neatly. A long string of Colmans having been led up to be introduced to him, the Grand Old Man, as he sat down to dinner, said, 'I see we are all mustard here.'

Here is another Gladstone story taken from a different source: 'A clergyman called at Gladstone's still held the reins. Mrs. Gladstone, entertained him till her husband, who was upstairs writing, was disengaged. The minister lamented the terrible state of affairs in Ireland and elsewhere, but added consolingly: 'There is One above us who will set all right.' 'Ah, yes!' exclaimed Mrs. G., 'he'll be down directly.'

Some simpering schoolgirl—for schoolgirl it must have been—gave the *Daily Press* early this week nearly two columns of 'Tempest' impressions under the heading 'Critiques. Criticized.'

This young person's judgment may be gauged from the fact that she appears to have found every player superlatively good, when most critics were compelled to restrict their praise to (1) the Rev. A. Turner, R.N., as Stephano (consistently good); (2) Miss Logan as Ariel (sometimes brilliant); (3) Mr. R. K. M. Simpson as Caliban; and (4) Mr. A. N. Lacey as Prospero (though he was inclined to become 'stagey' in the more dramatic passages). The 'incidental' music, with its suggestion of hymn tunes, was mostly very incidental; and the ballet, though cleverly dressed, somewhat formal. The ladies' dresses lacked distinction, but the men's costumes were good, lending themselves well to the striking silhouette effects in some of the scenes. The lighting was clever. The acting was boldly conceived and boldly staged, with the result that the players were sometimes dwarfed and the audience often numbed. Still, very clever, very artistic. General verdict: might have been much better but might have been very much worse.

The stranger laid down four aces on the table. 'That is not the hand I dealt you,' said the dealer sternly.

'A.H.C.'s suggestion in Wednesday's paper was very opportune. He urged, you remember, the formation of a local committee for the enlistment of the services of men of note passing through the Colony.'

When one recalls that men like Kabinanath Tagore, Bertrand Russell, and Einstein have been allowed to slip away without so much as 'even' as 'pleased to see you,' one realizes the urgent need for 'A.H.C.'s' committee.

'A.H.C.' mentioned these lectures, but extension how many people here have ever heard of them? The University authorities might well consider promoting the suggested lectures. They would find that they would, in consequence, win much sympathy in their work.

But why rest content with this even? Perhaps you recall that a *China Mail* correspondent, signing himself 'Crochet' suggested (away back in October) a working alliance among the Colony's 'highbrow' societies—the A.D.C. Sketch Club, Book Club and Philharmonic Society. This alliance might work wonders in dissipating the Colony's intellectual lassitude. Upon a united committee would devolve the duty of receiving distinguished visitors and arranging for them to address the public here. Permanent premises, with the usual club comforts, might even be secured—but whilst let's get that working alliance first. It only waits someone to take the initiative. I propose the President of the Book Club—that's our most literary concern. What'll second that?

Since the above was written, I learn from the *Morning Post* that the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the old Hongkong Odd Volume Society, has suggested a Literary Society 'for the purpose of inducing well-known persons passing through the Colony to deliver public lectures upon subjects of general interest.' The Book Club, with its ever growing membership, might well take the initiative, either broadening the scope of its present aims or convening a meeting to form the suggested Literary Society.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The wedding will take place shortly of Sergeant Norman Venables, of the King's Regiment, and Miss Mary Davies who is en route from Home by the s.s. 'Delta.'

Mr. E. R. Dovey, A.R.C.S., A.C.I., F.O.S. will lecture on 'Scientific Methods in Detecting Crime' at the Helena May Institute on Monday next January 8th at 5.30 p.m. All interested in the subject are invited to attend the lecture.—Advt.

Telegrams from Hankow indicate that no rain has fallen there for the past three months and there is now a serious shortage of water. Crops have dried up and died, states the *Eastern Times*. The Tsochen of Huphe, Gen. Heiao Yao nan, has on a number of occasions forbidden the killing of pigs, in order to propitiate Heaven and induce it to send rain. But this notwithstanding, and although the Tsochen has personally offered up public prayers for water, none has come.

SPECIAL CABLE.

BANKS OFF 138.

SINGAPORE INVESTIGATION.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, January 6.

The affairs of the local branch of the Bank of Communication are being subjected to investigation by Mr. Y. H. Yao, Secretary of the Shanghai Bankers' Association, at the request of the head office at Peking. Mr. Yao is expected to complete his investigation in a year.

\$2,000 OPIUM FINE.

'OTHER MAN' STORY DISCREDITED.

A Chinese second class passenger on the 'Shanghai Maru' bound for Shanghai was charged by Sub-Inspector Cooke in Mr. Wood's Court this morning with the illegal possession of 114 taels of raw opium concealed in a straw-braid pillow and under the mat of his bunk.

Defendant pleaded that the opium was the property of another passenger but his story was not believed. He was fined \$2,000 or 6 months' hard labour and the opium was confiscated.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One English case of small pox was reported yesterday.

A statutory meeting of the recently formed Hongkong Engineering and Construction Coy. Ltd. is to be held on January 18 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Joseph Canham Green, Superintendent of Mail, Penang, is engaged to be married to Miss Helen Little Carroll, of Greenock, Scotland.

Notices have been posted in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Club houses giving full particulars of the Junior Championship for which entries close on January 28.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 23, 1922, amounted to 91,850 tons and the sales during the period to 65,205 tons.

The B.I. steamers 'Edavani' and 'Eliota' were in the thick of the recent storm in the Bay of Bengal, the former having her awnings blown away and sustaining some minor damage.

There will be a tea-dance at the Helena May Institute on Thursday next, January 11th, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, one dollar each, should be obtained beforehand from the Secretary.—Advt.

Mr. J. Ashley Gibson, the new editor of the *Malay Mail*, is expected early in February; also a chief editor, who has been selected at home by Mr. A. K. R. Hampshire and Mr. T. H. Reid, of the F.M.S. Agency.

The engagement is announced of Mr. G. P. Curcaden, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malay States, and Miss K. M. R. Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Oliphant Morrison, Zetland Place, Trinity, Edinburgh.

The Chief Secretary to F. M. S. Government records with deep regret the death, which occurred at Elsternwick, Victoria, on December 2, of Mr. R. A. Crawford of the Survey Department, F.M.S., who had held the post of Director of Works and Surveys, Kelantan, since 1910.

The Smithy at Greta Green where hundreds of runaway marriages have been solemnized has been considered by the county authorities as a danger to motorists. They have offered Hugh Mackin, the proprietor, a certain sum to remove the building, but he says the money will not tempt him as it is a necessity.

Yet another newspaper is announced as about to appear in Peking. It is to be called the *Far Eastern Times* and of its eight pages two will be in Chinese. It will deal as fully as possible with Chinese and Far Eastern affairs. Mr. Sheldon Ridge, who was formerly well known in Shanghai, is to be the editor.

People interested in promoting a dog, cat, poultry and cagebird show are invited by an advertisement published to-day to attend a meeting in the Supreme Court next Friday at 11 a.m. Ladies' gentlemen competent to judge at such a show are asked to send in their names to Mr. R. L. Frost, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Coy. before the meeting.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

VESSOONA—DOODHA.

The wedding was celebrated quietly at the Registry office to-day of Miss Minnie Katherine Doodha, eldest daughter of Mr. N. B. Doodha, Postal Commissioner at Nanning and Mr. N. J. Vessoua, proprietor of Messrs. Hameoy and Co. and manager of Messrs. F. P. Talati and Co.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, was dressed in a gown of white broadcloth silk trimmed with silver lace, with a girdle of pearls and white brilliants. Her hat was trimmed with aigrettes to match and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Attending her as bridesmaids were the Misses Bessie and Lillian Doodha whose dresses were of pink Parisian crepe trimmed with georgette and ribbons. They had pink hats to match and carried baskets of pink roses.

Mr. John Mackenzie acted as best man and the witnesses at the ceremony were Capt. W. Forster and Messrs. D. K. Kharras, G. Tamasacopolis and Kayser.

Following a reception at the Hongkong Hotel Mr. and Mrs. Vessoua went to Repulse Bay where they propose to spend their honeymoon. They will leave for Shanghai later on by the 'President Grant.'

ARMED ROBBERY.

IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

An armed robbery in which a shot was fired occurred at 7 p.m. this morning in the central district not far from the Central Police Station.

The inmates of the ground floor No. 10, Gutzlaff Street on opening their doors were confronted by a man carrying a basket of what looked like tea-leaves. He pointed a revolver at the master and four others, three of whom also had revolvers, entered. The keys of the safe were demanded after the occupants had been driven into the rear of the shop and gagged. Another robber kept guard at the door, making off together; the others stood guard over the terrified inmates while one of them unsuccessfully tried to flee.

A prospective customer entered the shop then, and, suspecting that something was amiss, bolted. The robbers tried to grab him and fired a shot after he had escaped but nobody was hurt. Panic-stricken the robbers made off with the loot they had got amounting to \$20 in money and clothing.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

DUE HERE ON MONDAY.

The Japanese training squadron, consisting of H.F.S.M.s. 'Asama', 'Iwate' and 'Idzumo', which left Singapore at daylight on Wednesday, is expected here at daylight on Monday.

One of the Admiralty supply ships will be moved to a commercial buoy to make room for the visiting ships. The Japanese squadron is under the command of Vice Admiral Taguchi, who flies his flag on the 'Idzumo', commanded by Captain K. Hara.

OF NO AVAIL.

CANTON ARMY OFFICER'S CREDENTIALS.

Yik Wai-chuen, a native of Kiangsi, dressed in the approved Canton army officer's uniform, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with unlawful possession of 30 rounds of ammunition, found in a routine search by Sub-Inspector Cooke on board the 'Shanghai Maru' yesterday.

His pains to explain that he was Chief of Staff of the 2nd Special Brigade, Kwangtung Army and a pile of warrants of appointment and credentials were of no avail as the Magistrate fined him \$25 and ordered the ammunition to be confiscated.

HEAVY WEATHER OUTSIDE.

All ships arriving here to-day have experienced exceptionally rough weather. Masters of vessels coming from southern ports report strong gales or monsoons. The vessels have all run into the N.E. gale reported off Formosa last Tuesday.

DO YOU COUGH?

Don't overstrain the fine membrane of your throat. The fine membrane of your throat is the only part of your body which is not protected by the skin. It is the only part of your body which is not protected by the skin. It is the only part of your body which is not protected by the skin.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

BOAR'S HEAD INCIDENT.

A FALL IN FORT.

Save for one unfortunate contretemps (which but ad ed. after all, to the safety of the proceedings) the annual ball of the Society of Saint George passed off in the City Hall last night with all its accustomed brilliancy.

The contretemps occurred at a critical point in the time-honoured ceremonial—just when the official guests having taken their seats at the supper table on the stage with His Excellency in the centre of them, the Board's Head was being brought in on a platter with traditional pomp and solemnity. Escorting by stalwart Beefeaters, the chef, his white cap and apron showing out in contrast against the resplendent uniform of crimson and black, moved around the table with measured step and slow and with the platter firmly clapped on to the top of his head.

Safely negotiating the corner he advanced towards His Excellency. Ten paces away and with each step the wobble became more pronounced. Would he get there? Hungry revellers in the body of the theatre let their soup go cold as they watched with bated breath; the look of blank horror on the President's face grew more and more intense. Another step and another and still the Board's Head retained its equilibrium. Then "Going, going, gone!" murmured someone and go it did, clear off the platter on to the floor.

Not a muscle of his face moved as the chef, unperturbed by roars of laughter, stooped down, scooped up the delicacy with his platter and deposited it solemnly on the table. Alone for that episode, which those who had managed to get into the official supper recounted with glee to those who had missed the fun, the St. George's Ball of 1928 will be well remembered but the effective decorative scheme which was the setting for last night's revel will also be preserved in the recollections of the happy gathering that thronged the City Hall last night. The general lines of it have already been described by a China Mail reporter who saw it in process of evolution—the completed thing last night was charming and artistic to a degree. The most effective touch of all was undoubtedly the bodyguard of Beefeaters whose picturesque garb, a brave splash of crimson, looked particularly well against the background of greenery.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

At the conclusion of the principal supper session the President made a short speech in the course of which he said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is my privilege as President of St. George's Society in Hongkong to welcome you here to-night. Seven hundred years ago St. George's Day was ordered to be observed as the name day of our Patron Saint—and it is right that we should meet together at least once a year to testify to our love of our own Country, a duty to our admiration of what he has done, and what he yet will do. I think we owe this occasion here in Hongkong really to the fact that our brother Beefeaters were so determined to hide their own light under a bush! For as King says:

"For while the Celt is talking from Valencia to Kirkwall
The English—ah! the English
don't say anything at all."

Not that we Englishmen are in any way less patriotic or unmindful of the great heritage which England has given us, but as a race we are not demonstrative, and have been rather proud of our reserve, but it is possible to be too reserved and to be thereby misunderstood.

The world is out of joint, and evil forces are at work everywhere to destroy the structure of good citizenship. This evil teaching can only be met by patriotism and loyalty, and the remembrance of the great and glorious traditions which our Fathers have handed down to us, and one of the objects of this Society is to stimulate English patriotism. I would therefore, appeal to all Englishmen, who have not yet done so, to join this Society and thereby help to encourage and strengthen patriotism which is the bulwark of civilization. If men love their Country there will be no talk of Bolshevism.

During the past year we had the honour of sharing in the general welcome given to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the President of our parent Society, who has always evinced the very best essence of English character. By his love of sport, his loyalty, his enthusiasm and above all by his naturalness, he has spread into far off lands the highest ideals of the Englishman and on the 24th April last a telegram of loyal greetings was sent to H.R.H. in

Japan, to which he was graciously pleased to reply.
England—my England! To night especially our thoughts turn to the land of the oak, the ash, and the thorn; to our young folks and old folks at home, to the picturesque country cottages, the stately guides, bright with red and gold, the primrose and the robin and the thrush, the primrose and the cowslip—the land of our birth, and in doing so we must remember to be true to the great heritage handed down to us in the past, and which in our turn we must hand over unaltered to generation after generation.

Before I give you the toast of the evening I should like to take this opportunity of thanking most heartily all those who have given so much time and labour to the success of the evening and especially would I mention our hard working and indefatigable Secretary and the Sub-committee and their Chairman. The task of President is an easy one when one is served so loyally and well—the real credit of the evening's success belongs to those who are not in the limelight. And I wish to convey a special word of thanks to Mr. Nicholson for the very beautiful roses with which he has again this year, as in the past, adorned our tables and which remind us of nothing else does of the beauty of an English garden.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, in the words of England's greatest poet, who was born on St. George's Day April 23rd, 1551, and who died on St. George's Day, 1616, "Once more I shower a welcome on thee; welcome all! I ask you to charge your glasses, and to join with me in drinking a toast to 'England.'"

THE DANCES.

The floor, of course, was crowded far beyond comfort but excellent music was furnished by the band of the King's Regiment and the Hongkong Hotel Company; the dancers seemed to take knocks and kicks and bumps quite good-humouredly. The programme of dances was as follows:—

DANCE MUSIC.
Extra.—One Step, "Swanee Rose"
1—Lancers "Gleish Lancers"
2—Waltz "Isle of Sweethearts"
3—Fox Trot "Say it with Music"
4—Fox Trot "Stumpling"
5—Waltz "Three o'clock in the morning"
6—Fox Trot "The Sheik"
7—One Step "Swanee"
8—Lancers "Savoy Lancers"

FIRST SUPPER.
9—Fox Trot "Song of Persia"
10—Fox Trot "Sunny Tennessee"
11—One Step "Zenda"
12—Waltz "In my tippy canoe"
13—Fox Trot "My real black Mammy"

SECOND SUPPER.
14—One Step "Mellon time in Dixieland"
15—Waltz "Destiny"
16—Fox Trot "Yo! Ho!"
17—Fox Trot "Smiling"
18—Waltz "Alice Blue Gown"

THIRD SUPPER.
19—Fox Trot "Croonin'"
20—One Step "Kiss me by wireless"
21—Fox Trot "Say it while dancing"
22—One Step "California"

SUPPER MENU.

The Hongkong Hotel Company were again responsible for the excellent supper menu which was as follows:—

1. Ox-Tail Soup. 2. Beef Tea.
3. Scalloped Fish.
4. Roast Turkey. 5. Roast Pheasant.
6. Roast Capon. 7. Saddle of Lamb.
8. Boar's Head.
9. Roast Sirloin of Beef.
10. Game Pie. 11. York Ham.
12. Corned Ox Tongue.
13. Corned Leg of Pork.
14. Chicken Mayonnaise.
15. Assorted Salad.
16. Potatoes. 17. Green Peas.
18. Macaroon de Fruit.
19. Stewed Fruit and Custard.
20. Ice Meringues. 21. Ice Cream.
22. French Pastry.
23. Coffee.

SUPPER MUSIC.

During supper music of a very delightful sort was provided by the King's band who played the following programme:—

1.—March "The Iron Duke"
Stanley.
2.—Reminiscence of "England"
Arr. by R. Godfrey. Introducing
"Down among the Dead Men,"
"A Lullaby," "Carmen's Whistle,"
"Morris Dance," "Barbara Allen," "Sally in our Alley,"
"St. Roger de Coverley," "Hops the Hermit," "Tom Bowling," "Wee May the Kiel Row," "Home Sweet Home," "Boy of Bluey."

3.—Selection of "Popular Melodies"
..... Sir A. Sullivan. From
"Mikado," "Gondoliers," "Yemen of the Orient," "Patience,"
"Iolanthe," "Pirates of Penzance."
4.—Morceau "Salut D'Amour"
..... Sir E. Elgar.
5.—Humoresque "A Musical Switch"
..... Arr. by Alfred. A. Potpourri of Popular Melodies.
6.—Three Dances "Nell Gwyn"
..... E. German.

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN.

JEWISH COMMUNITY'S RECEPTION.

Professor Einstein who arrived back in the Colony by the "Hucina Maru" yesterday on his way to Singapore, was entertained by the Jewish community at the Jewish club in the evening. It was hoped that the world-famed scientist might be induced to speak on his theory of relativity which has attracted so much attention.

However, those present were disappointed. To a number of friends he explained the object of his research and broadly explained what effect his theories, if finally accepted, would have on modern science. After being welcomed by Mr. D. S. Gubbay, he expressed his thanks for the honours done him by the various Jewish communities in the Far East.

The Professor is of the opinion that any person, gifted with ordinary intelligence, should be able to understand his writings on relativity. He expressed himself as being very much impressed by the magnificent view of the harbour and the sunset seen from the Jewish Club.
Accompanied by his wife, Professor Einstein is continuing his journey to-day.

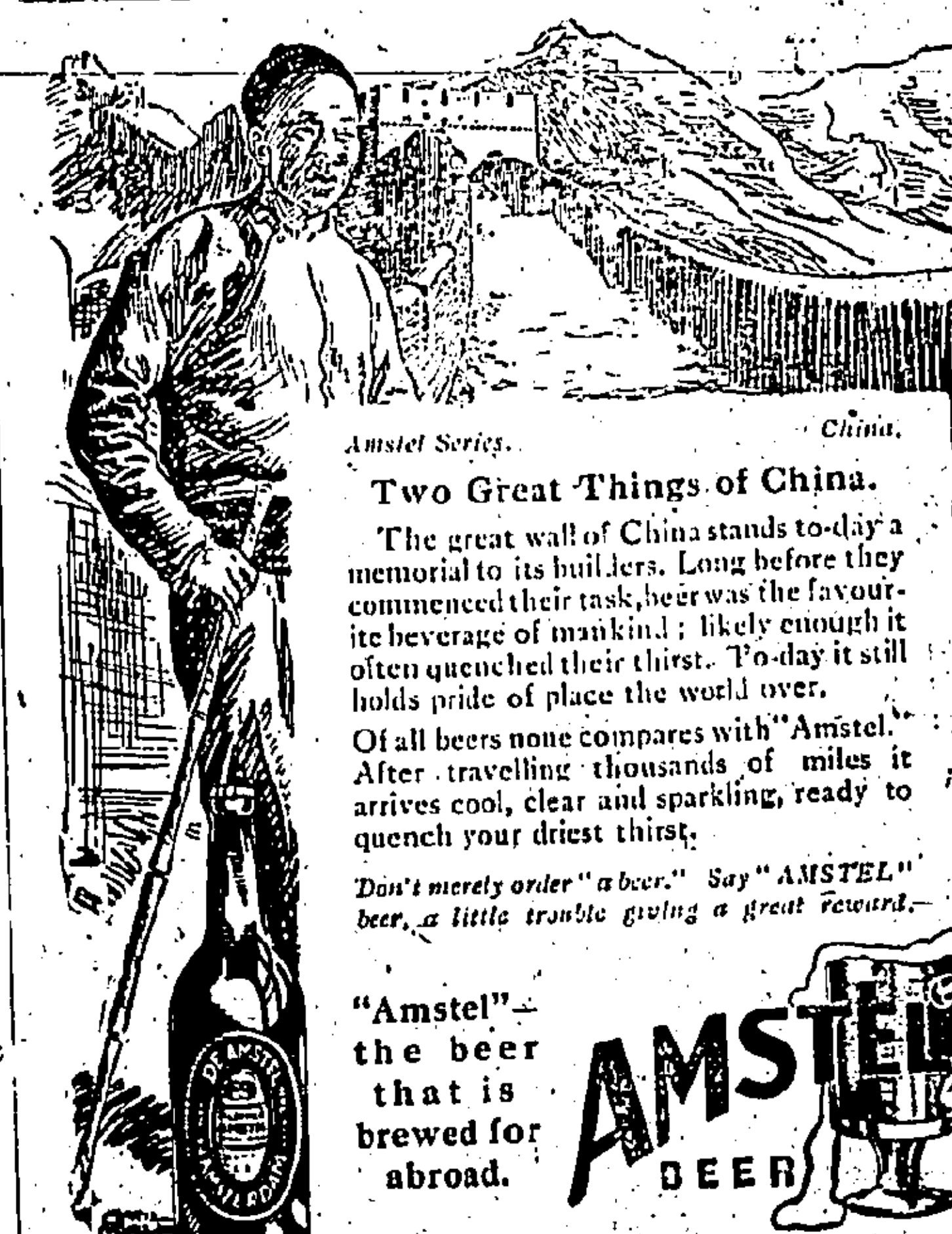
WUCHOW COUP.

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, Jan. 5.
On Wednesday the Yunnanese troops which marched from Wuchow towards Canton captured the market town of Do Seng, 27 miles below Wuchow, entering the town of Tak Hing, 42 miles below Wuchow, on the next day.

To-day the Kwangtung gunboats are at Luk Po and the Kwangtung Army is moving at Shui Hing 98 miles below Wuchow.
The rumour that the Kwangtung Army is attacking Wuchow is unfounded.



Two Great Things of China.

The great wall of China stands to-day a memorial to its builders. Long before they commenced their task, beer was the favourite beverage of mankind; likely enough it often quenched their thirst. To-day it still holds pride of place the world over.
Of all beers none compares with "Amstel." After travelling thousands of miles it arrives cool, clear and sparkling, ready to quench your driest thirst.

Don't merely order "a beer." Say "AMSTEL" beer, a little trouble giving a great reward.

"Amstel" the beer that is brewed for abroad.



AMSTEL BREWERY, AMSTERDAM

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New Firms are requested to send particulars of their Firm name and staff for insertion (free of charge) in the 1928 issue of the Dollar Directory.

HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,
5, Wyndham Street.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Statutory Meeting of the Members of the above Company, pursuant to Section 66 (3) of the Companies Ordinance 1911, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of January, 1928, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 6, 1928.

DOG & POULTRY SHOW.

A MEETING of those interested in promoting a Dog, Cat, Poultry & Cage Bird Show will be held on FRIDAY next, 12th inst., at 5.15 p.m. in the Supreme Court, by kind permission of His Honour Sir William Res Davies Kt., who has also kindly consented to preside.

Will any lady or gentleman competent to judge in any of the above classes kindly send their names to me before the date of the meeting?
B. L. FROST,
c/o The E. Ex. Telegraph Co.
Hongkong, January 6, 1928.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
NOTICES have been posted in the Clubhouses, giving full particulars and inviting entries for the above Competition. Entries close 28th January 1928.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY
ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY
Notices posted in the Clubhouses will be withdrawn on 14th January 1928.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Hongkong, January 6, 1928.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rate.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Verger
Wanted, apply to the Chaplain.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BOWEN CASTLE"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 6th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to sale. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DOUGLASS & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1928.

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE.



PICTURED AT LAST!

THE Amazing Adventures Of The Best-Loved Hero of all time, in a chapter-play that will bring happy memories of youth to all grown-ups and the tingle of healthy thrill to boys and girls of all ages. Imagine Robinson Crusoe brought to life—and and thrill with him in his marvellous adventures on the high seas and his lonely island.

HARRY MYERS

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announcement of the engagement of
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daughter of a well-known Scottish Earl
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viding for bad and doubtful debts are
£1,875,000 as compared with £2,201,000 in
1921.
The dividend on B. and C. shares will
be maintained at 14 per cent. per annum,
but the amount placed to the contingency
account will be reduced from £200,000
to £220,000.The Times comments on the shrinkage of
the profits saying that this is inevitable
owing to trade depression and the falling
level of money rates. The deposits with
banks fell steadily during the greater
part of last year and loans also were
heavily reduced. The demand for loans
has only lately tended to expand. The
reduction of trade and the demand for
money for the funding of Treasury Bills
and the consequent lowering of money
rates led banks generally to increase
holdings and investments, including gilt
edges. The rise in the value of the latter
brought substantial profits, considerably
offsetting the diminution in profits from
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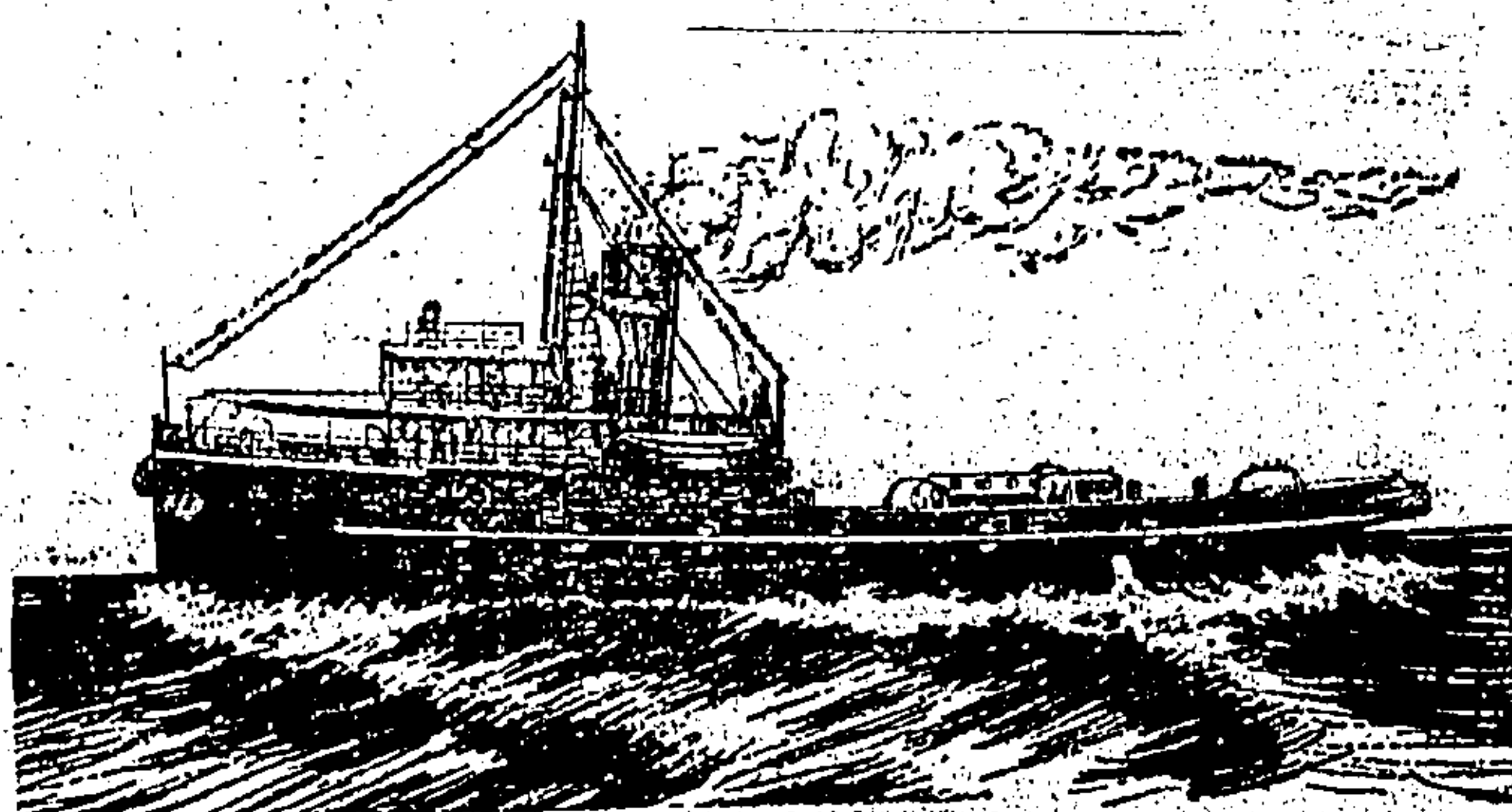
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"Let it in," thought Teddy, "I wonder what that means?"

"Yes," his mother went on, "At twelve o'clock the front door bell, shakes hands with everyone and goes out at the back door."

Teddy wanted to hear more about this and listened hard but, instead of going on with it, they began to talk about ever so many other things as grown-ups do, and so he left them and went up to the nursery to play with his new toys.

But when New Year's Eve came and his mother was tucking him up in bed Teddy remembered what he had heard and said: "Mother are you going to let in the New Year?"

"Why you funny boy," laughed his mother (for no one had noticed how hard Teddy was listening that day) "Daddy and I are going out to dinner."

"Oh," said Teddy in a disappointed voice and he lay down and shut his eyes.

"He is very sleepy," whispered his mother to his nurse.

But Teddy was not really sleepy, he was only thinking, and you know how much easier it sometimes makes thinking if you shut your eyes. And he thought, "Suppose the New Year comes and knocks at the door and nobody lets him in, how sad he will feel. I wonder if I can manage to keep awake until it is twelve o'clock and then I can let him in."

He did not really quite know what he expected the New Year to look like or what he was going to do when he saw him. But while he was wondering he actually did fall asleep for he had been out all day and was very tired.

Teddy woke up with a start. Guns were booming and bells were ringing and at first he was very puzzled as to what it was all about. Then it flashed across his mind that it must be to welcome the New Year.

"Suppose he is waiting and there is no one to let him in," he thought and he flung himself out of bed and without even waiting to put on his dressing gown or slippers ran downstairs and opened the front door.

As he did so an old grey-headed man rushed past him crying: "Quick! quick! Let me go and rest."

He almost knocked over a little boy who was standing outside but he turned round to say, "Forgive me little brother. I did not mean to hurt you but after you have worked for a year as I have done you too will be anxious to hurry off to your rest."

"And be disappointed in the darkness?" "Why, are you that?" asked Teddy in a surprised voice.

"It is the Old Year," replied the little boy. "I wonder if I shall be as old as that when I have finished. I am very new now."

And indeed he looked it for he was smaller even than Teddy and his chubby hands were dimpled like a baby's.

"But come in," cried Teddy. "You will get cold standing out there."

"Thank you," answered the New Year and he stepped inside and hung up his warm fur coat and cap on a low peg on the hat stand and then a black sack which he was carrying in a corner.

"What is that?" asked Teddy curiously.

"That," answered the New Year, who was missing up and down the hall looking very jolly. "On that is just my trouble bag."

"Trouble bag. What is that?" enquired Teddy.

"Well," said the New Year, "I am not quite sure what it is myself but I was told to bring it with me and when the year was over to take away in it all the troubles that I could find. Do you have many troubles at your house?" he asked politely.

"No I don't think so," Teddy said. "In fact I am not quite sure what a trouble is."

"Oh that is all right then," laughed the New Year. "Because I don't want to have a great load to carry away. I thought the Old Year was getting along very quickly."

"You seem to know a lot although you are not very old," Teddy remarked.

"Ah but you see," replied the New Year, looking very wise. "Where I come from..."

At that moment Teddy heard his father and mother with some other people talking and laughing outside the front door. The New Year made a sign to him to run away and, putting his finger to his lips, with his little face twinkling all over, hid behind the trouble sack in the corner. Teddy slipped upstairs quietly and was soon in bed and asleep once more.

When he came down the next morning there in the hall hung the fur coat and cap.

"So it must have been true and not a dream," thought Teddy and just then his mother came out of the dining room and when she saw him looking at the coat and cap she said, "That is a New Year's present for Teddy boy."

But, began Teddy and then he remembered the New Year with his finger on his lips and instead of what he was going to say he thanked his mother, though he was very puzzled.

Many times during that year he thought he saw the New Year about the house, but when he tried to catch him as he flitted about he always found that it was only a ray of sun shining through the window.

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Napoleon's Orb'it.

A silver goblet said to have been used regularly by Napoleon on his campaigns, formed part of the rich booty secured by a gang of burglars and Schloss Kampeln, the seat of the Dowager Princess Blucher, between Berlin and Hamburg. The thieves, who are believed to have come from Berlin, thoroughly ransacked the lower storeys of the chateau, and carried off a large quantity of valuable plate, while the Princess, her daughter and servants, slept peacefully upstairs.

Fit Boys' Miraculous Escape.

A Canoe pit boy has had a miraculous escape from death. He was trapped in a mine by a huge fall of rock and partially buried and it was only after 4 men had worked in relays that the lad could be released. He was conscious during the whole time his rescuers were at work. A doctor at great personal risk finally crawled through a long passage to where the lad was imprisoned and administered an injection. The lad was in a state of collapse, but he had no bones broken. He is now in hospital recovering.

Earthquake Shocks.

It is a little more than 150 years ago that English people had a lively interest in earthquakes. There had been several shocks in various parts of the country, and then, on February 17 and March 1760 two shocks were felt in London. Something like panic ensued. People fled into the fields, in some cases going ten miles out. The clergy preached on the subject, and special prayers were said. There has been no serious earthquake shock however, since 1884, and experts say that England was practically immune from them largely because of the coal mines which honeycomb so much of the country.

A £1 Remark.

As the outcome of a wager made during the election for the Newbury division of Berkshire, the Mayor of Wokingham, received from Mr. Harold Snagger, the defeated Asquith Grey Liberal candidate, a cheque for £5 for the benefit of the local orthopaedic clinic.

The wager arose in this way says the London Evening News. During the election campaign Mr. Snagger promised to give £5 to a local charity if anyone could prove that the past member, Brig-General Howard Clifton Brown, had ever spoken in the house.

A man thereupon rose and said that the general had once stated in the House:

"It's stuffy in here: please open the windows."

General Brown was re-elected.

Unbreakable Glass.

According to recent reports, says an American journal, a Bohemian inventor after thirteen years of research, has succeeded in producing unbreakable glass. At a recent demonstration, it is said, plates and vessels of the material remained whole when thrown to the ground from a height of twelve feet. Meat was roasted on a thin glass plate over an open fire at a temperature of 750 F. Tin was melted in a glass pot, and nails were driven in a glass for a hammer. A thin glass tumbler was placed in a stove to melt a temp-rature the wood plate in it was charred to ashes. The glass not only stood the heat but even remained unbroken when plunged into cold water while still in an overheated condition. The carbundum stones used for cutting ordinary glass cannot be used on the unbreakable glass, as even a diamond sometimes fails to cut it, due to its extreme toughness.

Local Nicknames.

Most big cities and towns have certain localities which have had nicknames bestowed upon them—names that are anything but official. Not infrequently these have their origin among the tradespeople or their assistants who "serve the rounds," and mostly they subtly suggest dissatisfaction with the dwellers in the areas to which they are applied, observes the Morning Post. There is, for example, a "Sleeper's Island" in several London suburbs. Balham possesses one, so does Raynes Park.

The origin is not far to seek. "Rabbit Warrens" are quite numerous, while a certain poor quarter of Edmonton is known as "Conviote Island." Hoxton has a "Thieves' Kitchen" and a "Coiners' Corner." In the East End is a "Fenian Barracks," the residents being a poor class of Irish, while in the West End is an area named "The Pot-holes," why, nobody seems to know. Woolwich has its "Donthole."

"Little Italy," a stone-throw off Holborn, is aptly named, its population being mostly Italian organ-grinders and ice-cream vendors; but "Little Russia" in Notting-ham, although boasting many aliens, contains very few Russians.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

Middlesex County Council refused to allow Sunday opening of cinemas.

Belgium's unemployed fell from 160,409 in August 1921 to 27,729 in August last.

Statistics collected concerning the Paris-London air traffic show that the majority of the passengers are American.

Canon Bowers, Rector of Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, since 1886, and Archdeacon of Loughborough, died aged 67.

Winner of the Daily Mail £1,000 guilder prize, M. Manet, the French painter, has been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Professor Rudolf Kjellén of Upsala University, Sweden, a pro-German during the war and a strong advocate of Teutonic Kultur, has died.

A stone bearing the consecration mark of the old Abbey of Bermondsey, S.E., founded in 1802, has been found in excavation in the borough.

In recognition of the number of recruits supplied by the city, the colours of the Grenadier Guards were deposited at Bristol Cathedral.

It is reported in East London, South Africa, that coal-bearing seams 13 miles in extent have been discovered in the Mount Price district.

"I can't hear two women speaking at once. To hear one is bad enough," said Judge Parfitt to a woman interrupter at Clerkenwell County Court.

In the nine months ended September, 256,441 aliens (excluding transmigrants) landed in Britain 250,326 left, and 1,402 were refused leave to land.

After a two-days' strike the City of London road-cleaners returned to work accepting a minimum wage of £2 19s. 2d. They claimed £3 6s. per week.

Indications are that the number of private bills—33 to 40 is suggested—to be promoted in Parliament in the coming session will create a record in minuteness.

Post Office engineers have completed the removal, rendered necessary by coast erosion, of the English end of the Beachy Head-Dieppe cable to Eastbourne.

General Carrasco, leader of the rebel army on the west coast of Mexico, has been killed, with 7 of his followers, in a fight with Federal troops at Guanajuato, Durango.

When Walter Shepherd, 32, was committed for trial at Old Street on a charge of burglary, it was stated that the dog at a house which he was alleged to have entered was found with its tail cut off.

Having made improvements in his machine with which he made a glider of 1 hr. 53 min. in the Daily Mail Competition at Eford Hill, Sussex, Mr. Raynham has entered for the French gliding competition in Algiers in January.

Mrs. Stephen Williamson, mother of Lord Forster (formerly Sir Archibald Williamson), has died at Copley, Thornton Heath, Cheshire aged 82. She was a daughter of Dr. Guthrie, the Scottish divine who founded the Ragged School in Edinburgh.

Stationmaster for 54 years at Lamberth, Stirlingshire, the Scottish railway junction, and well known to Queen Victoria and King Edward, who used to talk with him when their trains to and from Balmoral stopped there, Mr. William Bullis has died at Newburgh, Fifeshire, aged 83.

Nothing further has been heard from the Rev. T. G. Gwilym Young, the minister of Salem Welsh Congregational Church, Penglarn, Glamorgan, who disappeared and sent a letter bearing a London postmark to his landlady stating he was undergoing mental treatment in London.

"Get this done before the end of the war," was the comment which the late Lord Fisher scribbled across the specification of an invention for detecting enemy submarines concerning which the inventor, Mr. C. Teedale Buckell, gave evidence before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.

Notice of intended marriage has been entered at the register office, Prince's-row, Buckingham Palace, B.W., between Prince Carlos de Rohan an Austrian Prince, aged 27, only son of Prince and Princess Joseph de Rohan, and Miss Dikusha Wrench of 189, Knightsbridge, W., the only daughter of the late Major A. B. and Mrs. Wrench.

THE CHINA CLIPPERS.

MORE OF THE FAMOUS "CUTTY SARK."

Sir Herbert Russell writes to the Naval and Military Record:—

There are very rare occasions when the burthen of years which we all deplore brings with it a ray of genuine satisfaction. I confess that whenever I come across any reference to the China tea clippers I find consolation at the approaching shadow of the next climacteric in the fact that I am just old enough to recall those beautiful fabrics in all their glory. I do not know Captain Downman, except by repute as a survivor of that grand race of seamen who hoisted the Red Ensign in the very masthead of the world. But my heart goes out to him for his recovery of the famous old "Cutty Sark" and his decision to put her back, as far as is humanly possible, to the semblance of her great racing days.

The last time I saw the "Cutty Sark" as a China clipper was in the late 'eighties. I was living at Deal at the time, and our next-door neighbour, the Captain Willis, who had her built, was sitting upon the veranda, overlooking the Downs, with telescopes upon our knees, for he knew that his ship had left the London docks two tides previously, and must soon come towing around the North Foreland. Whilst we waited he told me the story of how he came to have her built "to beat all flyers afloat." Scott and Linton, of Dumbarton, launched her in 1867. She was built as cheap in those days. Their estimate was for £22,000. "I offered them £500 extra if they would throw in leak decks, for which I have a weakness," said Captain Willis, "and they did so."

PARTING IN SUNSHINE.

When at last the wonderful little ship hove in sight, coming through the Gull's stream of on: of Watkins' paddle tugs, she was only beginning to make sail. I forget how the wind was; it was a fine summer afternoon, and there was probably very little of it. By the time she was abreast of the South Sand Head lighthouse she was a smother of white wings, rolling like a sun shot could over the water, with the tug scurrying homewards again. And as she passed from view beyond the towering spur of the South Foreland, Captain Willis closed his telescopes with a click, and began to hum the refrain of the old chanty, "Good-bye, fare ye well."

Curiously enough, it was in this same tract of water that I boarded the "Thermopylae" in 1889 on her last voyage in the full kitler—but not in the role of a China tea clipper. She had anchored in the Downs, and I went off to her in one of the Deal galley punts. I still recollect the pride with which her second mate told me that the main truck was 212 feet from the waterline. The main truck of a four-masted ship of from three to four times the burthen of the "Thermopylae" would not soar to within 30 feet of this height.

I mention this because sweet little green-sided Aberdeen clipper was the most redoubtable rival to the "Cutty Sark." Of the two I am inclined to think that George Thompson's ship was the prettier. But it was probably only as the difference between Hebe and her reflection in the mirror.

In their greatest ocean race the "Cutty Sark" and "Thermopylae" left Shanghai within an hour or so of one another, laden with tea for London. The log records show that the "Cutty Sark" maintained the lead for a long while. Then she had rudder trouble which rendered her unmanageable, and necessitated heaving to for six days, whilst the damage was made good. The "Thermopylae" arrived in the Downs six days before her rival, so that but for the mishap to the "Cutty Sark" it would have been a neck-and-neck race. To such position had the art of the builder, the stowage, and the manning been brought in those zenith days of tacks and sheets that superiority was measured in hours over a voyage of ten thousand miles.

RECORD CLIPPER RUNS.

I believe the "Thermopylae" was the faster ship on a howler, and that the b at point of sailing of the "Cutty Sark" was with her braces slightly checked. The greatest recorded feat of the Willis' ship was reeling off 363 knots in 14 hours. The record for a 24 hours' run is claimed, appropriately enough, for the clipper ship "Lightning," which logged 432 miles for a day's work. The greatest speed through the water, ever logged in any sailing ship is that given for the "James Baines," on June 13, 1856. The entry ran: "8:30 p.m. In all starboard studding sails, ship going 21 knots with main, kysail set. The "Red Jacket," in 1853, ran 417 nautical miles in a day, and the "Sovereign of the Seas," on March 18, 1853, logged 411 knots for the 24 hours.

But just as one bright day does not make summer, so an occasional exhibition of sailing under every conceivable combination of favouring circumstances must not be taken as establishing the supremacy of any particular ship. Such vessels as the "Cutty Sark" and "Thermopylae" (it is better to bracket them) did not merely "do it" once and then "claim the cock"; they were always doing it. Their records are in the voyage, not in twenty-four hours' sputa. Take the first performance of the "Thermopylae." She made the passage from the Thames to Melbourne in sixty days—a record which has never been beaten by the immense four-masted wool clippers of later years.

RACING THE "CUTTY SARK."

Captain W. H. Angel—an old Plymouth master mariner, by the way—tells a good story in his reminiscences of an impromptu match with the "Cutty Sark." He commanded the Clyde-built clipper "Sheila" launched in 1847. She was a vessel of 1,600 tons and 258 feet long. The "Cutty Sark" is 901 tons and 212 feet long. The "Sheila," he tells us, was designed on the composite lines and models of such celebrated clippers as the "Sir John R. Worcester, Cutty Sark, Duke of Abercorn, Ailsa, and Jura."

After recording various trials of speed during the maiden voyage of the "Sheila," Captain Angel writes:—"But now came along a competitor in the 'Cutty Sark.' Captain Wallace from Whampoa (China), bound for New York with general cargo, mostly tea. She first appeared at daybreak, about five miles away on our port bow, ahead of us, with the armsail on that we had—that was nothing higher than the three topgallant sails, as it had been very equal in the thought. We set the royals, and most of the stayails; and were after her: she did the same and we increased sail, she followed, rail for rail, until we both had all plain canvas on the ships."

She remained to sail her way for a long time, and also it was a pretty close race, but, anyway, it was a pretty close race, although not in the best of weather for it, being far too squally. We had frequently to stand by the royal halliards and pull down the higher staysails, which we set again directly the squall would pass. We were going a good 16 knots at times, with the lee rail under, but when the squalls would ease up, slowed down to 12 knots; we were close-bauled to the wind, two points off our course so not at our best.

However in the afternoon we had closed up to the "Cutty Sark" within a-sailing distance; the captain said he was going to call at St. Helena, and would report that the "Sheila" was coming along after him! Two o'clock morning she was still in sight, but six miles astern. But anyhow, she was the nearest competitor to trying to up with yet come across; I should have liked to do a bit of hard running with her in company.

DEPARTED GLORIES.

What an exhilarating picture emerges from this simple little narrative; the two lovely hulls flinging glittering hulls from their cutwaters as they surged through the squall-witened billows under the resplendent "old men" looking on with hawk-like vigilance for any advantage and the crews springing to halloo and sheets, fired with excitement and that all but dead-settled pride of ship.

The "Sheila" was a noble clipper, and made some famous passages. But we now remember her. The "Cutty Sark," thank heaven—and Captain Downman is doing home a bit—long and peacefully may she live in the lengthening shadows of her bygone career. Probably I feel an added affection for her from the fact that she was "born" on the same day of the same year as myself.

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C.W. Norris, Dellora Angell, Lester Norris & Mrs. C.W. Norris

Miss Dellora Angell, heiress to the \$26,000,000 estate of the late John W. Gates, of Chicago, posed with the family of her prospective husband, Lester Norris, a commercial artist, of St. Charles, Ill. Her fiance's father is an undertaker.



Former Governor of Minnesota Samuel R. Van Sant, and Mrs. Van Sant, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding by having as their guests four other couples who had reached their golden wedding anniversaries. Every man in the group was a veteran of the Civil War.



The town of Gordiwindi, New South Wales, was the centre of many scientific expeditions during the recent eclipse of the sun. Many interesting photographs and much scientific data were obtained by means of specially designed cameras.



Mrs. James J. Davis

While visiting in San Francisco Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the Secretary of Labour in President Harding's Cabinet, declared that married women who work are "pin money profiteers" and should leave their jobs for single women. She was Davis's stenographer eight years ago but now her three babies occupy her time.



An army aviator being taught how to jump from a speeding airplane.



Charles Mathis, court pianist to Queen Marie of Rumania, was stricken blind at three, but he made a desperate effort to learn music and by the time he was ten had composed several favourably received numbers.



French battalions entering Adrianople to protect allied citizens and property in Turkish territory.



Here are three women who are in the public eye in England at present. Lady Windsor, member of Parliament from Shropshire is the youngest member of body. Lady Violet Astor, wife of John Jacob Astor, of the English branch of the Astor family, before her marriage was Lily Mary Elliot, youngest daughter of Lord Minto. Mrs. Austen Chamberlain is the wife of the British political leader.

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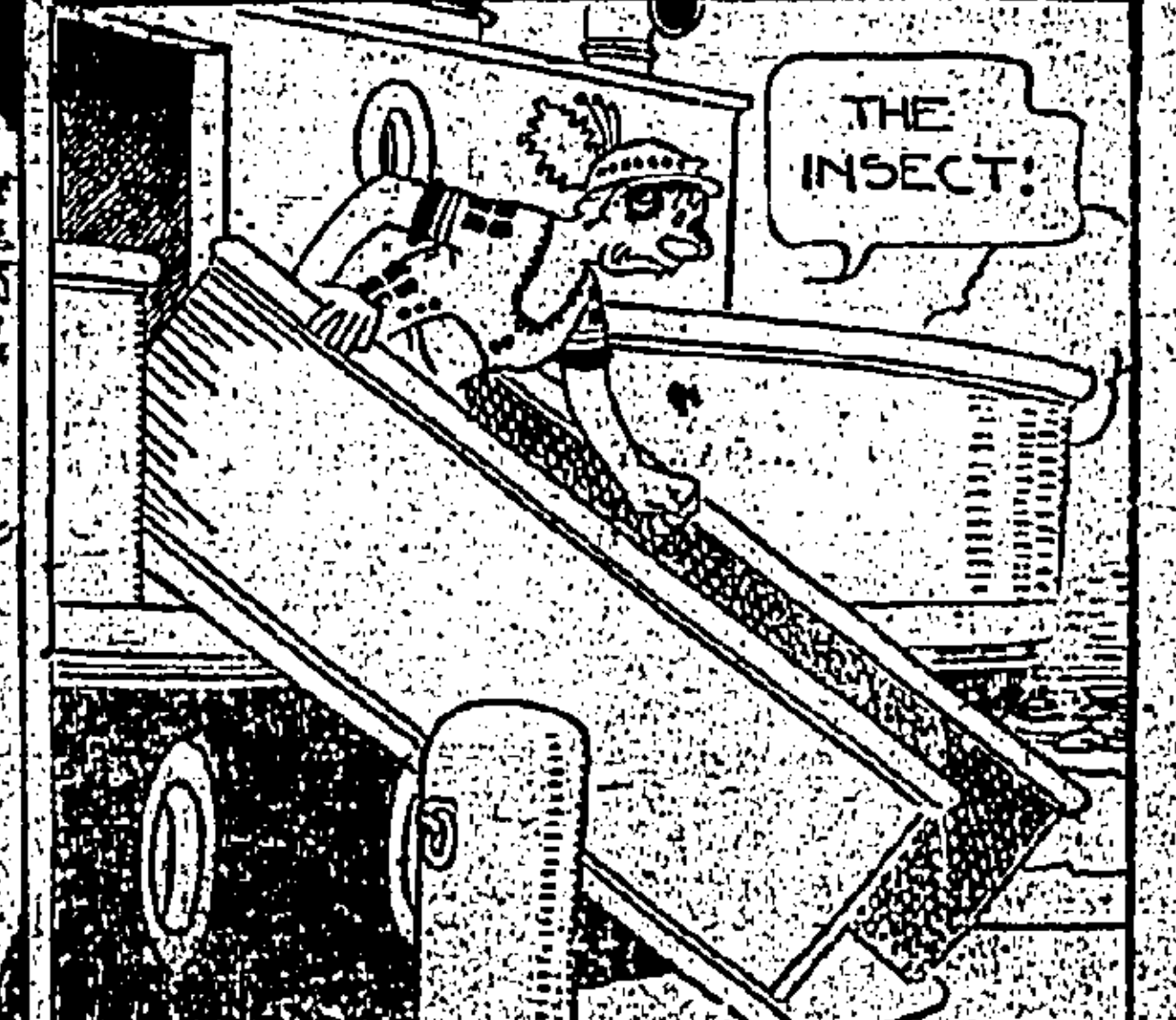
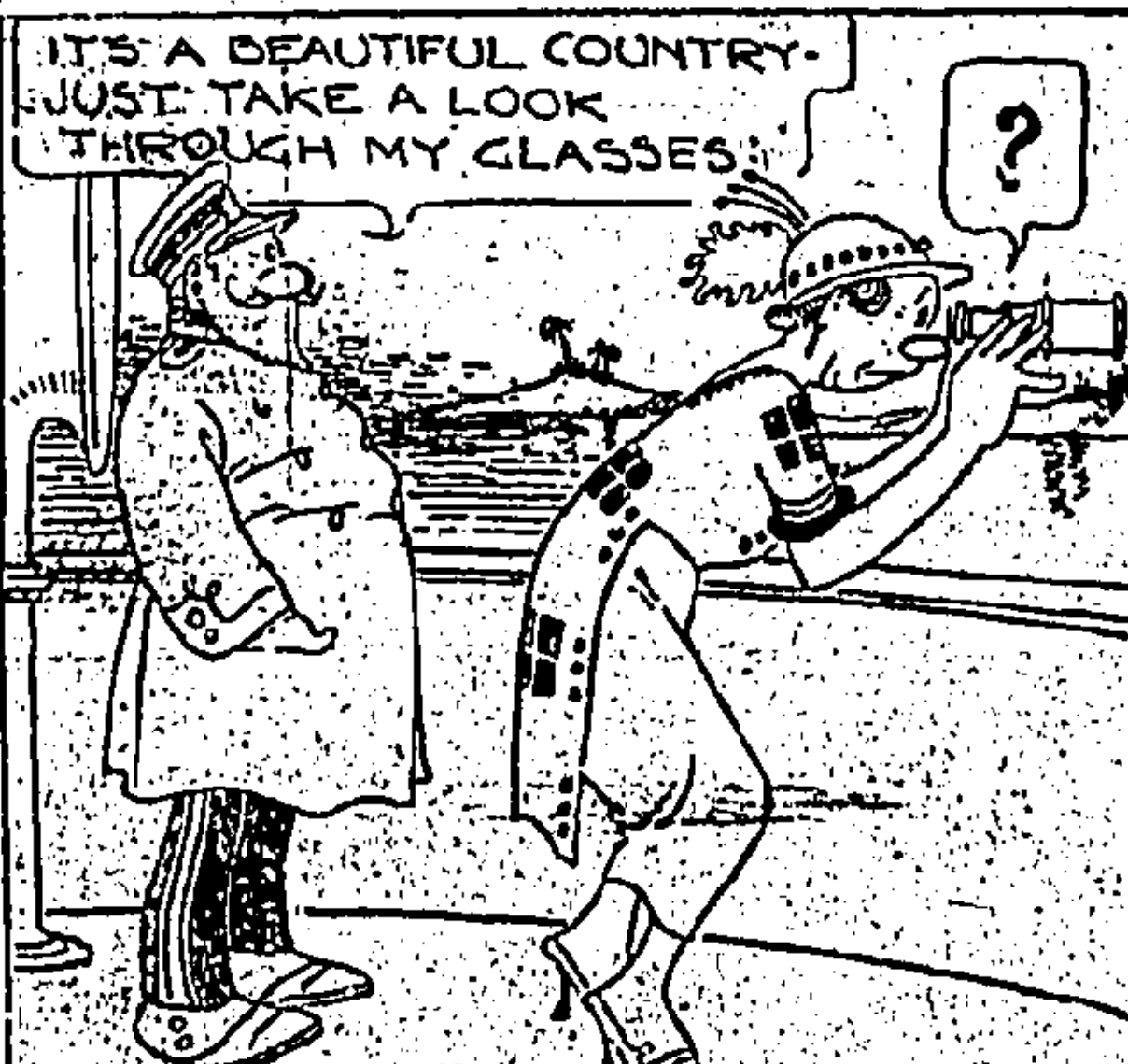
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 bride, who was given away by Mr.
 J. S. Symons, was dressed in lawn
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 and Master Gerald Johns, whilst Mrs.
 J. S. Symons was matron of honour.
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 and Mr. R. O. Young was at the
 organ.

After the service a reception was
 held at 695 Avenue Road, the resi-
 dence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Symons,
 and the newly married couple left
 later by the R.M.S. "Empress of
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WORLD THEATRE.

ROBINSON CRUSOE'S
ADVENTURES.

Remember the little red school
 house where you rebelled at learning
 multiplication tables and dates con-
 sidered essential to the lives of all
 youngsters?—Remember how you
 used to snicker at the adventure-
 some tale of "Robinson Crusoe"
 between the covers of your
 geography?—Perhaps these little
 incidents are only fond memories
 now, for if you are grown up your
 mind is fitted with responsibilities and
 thoughts of the future, and it's self-
 com that you even have time to recall
 those happiest days of your life. "The
 adventures of Robinson Crusoe" which
 is being shown now at the World
 Theatre, will revive these memories
 among the grown ups of the audience
 and will intensify the love for clean,
 wholesome drama among children.

The next interesting photoplay for
 children or even adults comes on the
 screen to-day up to Tuesday the 9th
 inst. "The Carnival Child" at 5.15
 and 9.15 p.m. whereas the "Crusoe"
 picture is showing only at 2.30 and
 7.15 p.m.

CORONET'S PROGRAMME.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS
AGAIN."

Douglas Fairbanks will disappear
 from the Coronet screen when "His
 Majesty the American" is shown for
 the last time on Saturday night—but
 not for long. He will be back again
 on Monday in "The Three Muske-
 teers" which is response to a general
 clamour, the Coronet are putting on
 again for another three days. Sun-
 day's picture will be "Thy Soul Shall
 Bear Witness" which is reckoned to
 be one of the finest pictures of its
 kind.

During the second half of the week
 "Homespun Folks," a film which
 rivals "Way Down East" in the in-
 tensity of its human appeal, will pro-
 bably be the feature and arrangements
 are being made to show "Disraeli,"
 which was to have been the Coronet's
 New Year attraction.

At Home last year 424 persons were
 imprisoned for debt. In 1906 there
 were 11,966.

A war memorial to 119 doctors,
 nurses, and other members of the staff
 of the London Hospital, E., was un-
 veiled by Lord Knutsford.

For procuring abortion in the cases
 of three women, one of whom died
 after an operation, in Glasgow, James
 O'Riordan, an ex police inspector of
 Leith, was sentenced to 10 years'
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